

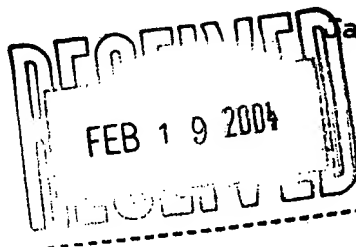
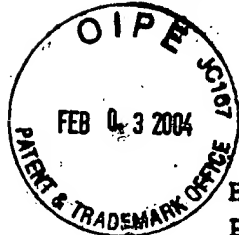
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RE: U. S. Patent 6,183,092 and pending application 09/778,940
of DIANE TROYER;

Request to be relieved of duty to represent

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Dear Sir:

Ms. Troyer is my client, likely to require ongoing work for maintenance of her patent and prosecution of the above-identified application and other potential continuing applications.

She has failed to make cash advances when billed. She has persistently failed to follow my advice and urgent requests that she restrict communications to relevant matters.

I therefore ask to be relieved from representing Ms. Troyer, with regard to prosecution of the present application and any needed continuing cases, and also maintenance of the patent.

To avoid leaving her current application in a condition of urgent need for attention, I have paid out-of-pocket for a petition for two-month extension of time and a request for continuing examination, and have spent roughly \$1,000 worth of time preparing and filing an after-final amendment. (I do not know whether she will reimburse those costs or pay for that time.)

I believe that she will have from four to six months to make some alternative arrangement for timely answering future Patent Office communications concerning her application and patent.

Thank you for your kind attention and consideration.

Cordially,

Peter I. Lippman
Reg. 22,835

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